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REMARKS

Applicant cancels claims 18-20 and 39, and amends claim 40, as shown in the forgoing Amendments to the Claims. Allowed claim 40 was re-written as an independent claim including all the limitations of claim 39 from which it depends. The Office Action stated claims 3, 6-17, 21, 23-38, and 40-42 are allowed; accordingly, Applicant submits these claims for allowance.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication includes alterations to the claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, the Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the noted rejections and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain of if an issue requires clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve any such issue promptly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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